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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECTS OF RALSTON VALLEY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT, COLORADO DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECTS

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has updated a review of the district's proposed projects in accordance with EPA and the State of Colorado procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 6) and the State of Colorado NEPA-like policy (SRF Operating Agreement). The State has determined that these projects are eligible for categorical exclusions. Accordingly, the State is exempting the projects from further substantive environmental review requirements under the above stated policies.

### Drinking Water Project Description

The proposed water project includes installation of new connection points and associated piping to allow for better pressure regulation in the distribution system, control valves to isolate segments of the system, pressure reducing stations, and fire hydrants to allow for adequate system flushing. These improvements will continue to be funded with the original \$1,300,000 loan from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Program over 20 years at 3.75%. Property tax revenue will be used to repay the loan.

### Wastewater Project Description

The proposed wastewater project consists of a new portable flow measurement device, sliplining of major interceptor lines, the repair and replacement of collection lines and manholes throughout the district, and, under the current review, the installation of an underdrain system adjacent to collection lines to control infiltration and inflow. These improvements will continue to be funded with the original \$1,200,000 loan from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program over 20 years at 3.75%. Property tax revenue will be used to repay the loan.

### Criteria for Granting a Categorical Exclusion under 40 CFR parts 6.107 and 6.505

The action proposed includes minor upgrades and minimal expansion of an existing treatment works. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

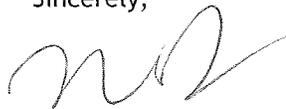
- Actions which are solely directed to minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or construction of new facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.
- The design population for the system improvements is less than 30 percent greater than the existing population.
- The action provides a non-controversial and cost effective solution to the District's system improvement needs.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, in Denver, Colorado and is available for public scrutiny upon request. Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to:

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Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2014